



NEWS RELEASE

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United States Attorney Joe W. Stecher and the Omaha Police Department announce the following information for the attention of the media:

Event Triggering this Release:

James E. Mite was sentenced to 151 months imprisonment by the Honorable Laurie Smith-Camp, United States District Judge, following his conviction for Possession with Intent to Distribute Cocaine Base and Criminal Forfeiture. Mite was ordered to serve 3 years of supervised release following his release from incarceration, pay a \$100 Special Assessment, and gave up any claim he had in \$1,020.00 in United States currency.

On February 12, 2008, Omaha Police Officers utilized a cooperating witness who purchased 3.3 grams of cocaine base from Jill Thames and James Mite inside of their Omaha residence. On February 20, 2008, the cooperating witness purchased 6.7 grams of cocaine base from Jill Thames inside of the same residence.

On February 28, 2008, Omaha Police Officers executed a search warrant on the Omaha residence of Jill R. Thames and James E. Mite. Inside officers found Thames, drug paraphernalia, 14.6 grams of crack cocaine, and currency in the amounts of \$637.00, \$277.00, and \$106.00 in various locations within the residence. Thames later admitted her involvement in distributing cocaine base and that she had been doing so on Mite's behalf.

Name of Defendant: James E. Mite

AKA:

AGE: 46

Crime(s) Charged and Potential Penalty (A CHARGE is merely an accusation and every defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty): Possession with Intent to Distribute Cocaine Base; 0-20 years imprisonment, \$1,000,000 fine, 3 years supervised release, and \$100 Special Assessment. Criminal Forfeiture, loss of currency.

Specific Location of Alleged Crime: Omaha, Ne.

Location of Arrest: Omaha, Ne.

Alleged Dollar Loss/Type and Quantity of Drug: Approximately 40 grams of cocaine base.

Others Charged in Same Scheme: Jill Thames

Relevant Dates:

Date of Alleged Crime: February 28, 2008

Federal Arrest Date: August 8, 2008

Date Complaint Issued: N/A

Indictment Returned Date: July 16, 2008

Initial Appearance Date: August 8, 2008

Plea Date(s): November 4, 2008

Sentencing Date: January 27, 2009

Next Court Hearing Type and Date: N/A

Assigned Magistrate Judge: Thomas D. Thalken

Held without Bond, or Released from Custody: Held without bond since initial arrest

In Continuous Custody Since: N/A

Assigned District Court Judge: Laurie Smith Camp

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